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Open Schools

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of open schools set up in
the country so far, State-wise;

(b) whether these schools are aided by
the Union Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to set up more such
schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-
SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN
SINGH): (a) As per the latest information
available with the Government, four Open
Schools have been set up in the country so
far; the National Open School, Delhi and
three State Open Schools, one each in
Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Madhya
Pradesh.

(b) and (c). Only the National Open
School is provided with Grant-in-Aid by the
Union Government to meet its expenditure
partly. During 1991-92, there was a provi-
sion of Rs. 100.00 lakhs under Plan and Rs.
46.00 lakhs under Non-Plan.

(d) There is no Scheme with the Central
Government to set up Open Schools in the
State and Union Territories. The State Gov-
ernments and Union Territory Administra-
tions are free to set up Open Schools as per
their need.

Family Planning Programme

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets and achievements of the
Family Planning Programmes during
1991-92, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to achieve greater
success in these programmes during
1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI
SIDDHARTHA): (a) State-wise and
method-wise Family Planning targets and
achievements so far reported during 1991-92
are given in the statement attached.

(b) To impart a new dynamism to the
Family Welfare Programme, an Action Plan
has been evolved by the Ministry of Health
and Family Welfare. This has been endorsed
by the States and Union Territories Admini-
stration in January, 1992. The Action Plan is
being operationalised by the States/Union
Territories. The Action Plan highlights the
need for evolving a national consensus in
support of the Family Welfare Programme
and to obtain the willing participation of all
sections of the society. Its key features in-
clude, improving the quality and outreach of
family welfare services, differential strategy
for special focus on 90 poor performing
districts (Birth rate of 39 per thousand popu-
lation and above as per the 1981 Census),
developing a mechanism to make available
funds to States/Union Territories on the basis
of reduction of actual birth rate, increasing
the coverage of younger age couples through
vigorous promotion of spacing methods, In-
troducing new contraceptives and improving
the quality of contraceptives, strengthening
family welfare schemes in urban areas es-